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Medical

Appointment of Venereal Surgeon in the General Hospital, Madras.

*1106 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to appoint an European doctor from England as Venereal Surgeon in the Madras General Hospital;

(b) whether the appointment has been made, and, if so, who is the person appointed and what are his qualifications and the terms of appointment;

(c) whether any applications were called for in India;

(d) who is the person or body who selected the candidate; and

(e) why the Government did not choose to depute an officer of the Madras Medical Service for special training in England in venereal diseases instead of importing a doctor from England?

A.—(a) & (b) A European Officer, Dr. W. Happer, CH.B., M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed as specialist in venereal diseases for the Madras Presidency. A statement showing his qualifications and a copy of G.O. No. 1927, P.H., dated 19th September 1928, containing the terms of his appointment are laid on the table.[a]

(c) Yes.

(d) The selection was made, subject to the approval of this Government, by a Committee composed of

(1) the Assistant Secretary to the High Commissioner for India,

(2) the President of the Medical Board, India Office,

(3) Dr. D. Lees, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Clinical Officer, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

(e) As the deputation of an officer for special training on the subject would involve the postponement of proper anti-venereal work in the Presidency for about four years, the Government decided to recruit a specialist who will also be able to train men locally for future work.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether applications were invited from qualified men in India?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Did any private medical practitioner offer his services for honorary appointment in the General Hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"There was no application for honorary appointment for this post."

Appointment of the District Medical Officer, Nilgiris.

*1107 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government contemplate directing the Civil Surgeon of Coonoor to look after the duties of the District Medical Officer, the Nilgiris; and

(b) whether a senior European I.M.S. officer is at present on reserve duty, and if so, why he is not posted to any one of these places?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 288–290 infra.

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A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) An officer had to be kept on reserve duty for a short time in order to avoid unnecessary transfers. He has since been posted to a sanctioned appointment.

Proposed appointment of Major Anderson in the place of Colonel Bradfield.

* 1108 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend posting Major Anderson from Vizagapatam to Madras in place of Colonel Bradfield who is going on short leave?

A.—No.

Public Health

Rural medical relief in Salem, South Arcot and Coimbatore districts.

* 1109 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any comprehensive scheme of rural medical relief now under the consideration of the Government and, if so, since how long the same has been under consideration and when the Government expect it to be brought into effect;

(*b*) whether any of the local boards in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore and South Arcot have undertaken any scheme to afford extensive medical relief to the rural population within their local areas and, if so, which are the local boards and what are their schemes;

(*c*) whether any and, if so, what steps have been taken hitherto by the Government to provide adequate medical relief to the "gosha nashin" section of the Muslim community in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*d*) how many gosha hospitals and dispensaries have been established in the aforesaid four districts (1) by the Government, (2) by the local boards and municipal bodies and what is the expenditure incurred by each authority under the said head, during each of the past ten years?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government do not make separate provision for medical aid to the different sections of the community. Such provision as has been made is intended for the benefit of the men, women and children of all communities who wish to avail themselves of it.

(*d*) Hospitals for women and children have been established at the following places in the districts mentioned :—

District.	Places where hospitals for women and children have been established.	
	Government.	Local Fund or Municipal.
South Arcot	...	Cuddalore New Town.
Salem	Salem ...	...
Coimbatore	Tiruppur.	Dharapuram. Pollachi. Udamalpet.
The Nilgiris	...	...